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SUMMARY

GENERAL DEBATE CONCLUDED JUNE 23. SOVIET COSMONAUTS MAKE BRIEF APPEARANCE. FEW SURPRISES IN MOST STATEMENTS. PRINCIPLE OF FREE FLOW OF INFORMATION RECEIVES STRONG SUPPORT IN DBS CONTEXT. NIGERIAN STATEMENT CRITICAL OF SUPERPOWER PROLIFERATION OF SPACE GARBATGE, COMPLAINING OF THIRD WORLD COUNTRY ALSO-RAN STATUS ON MODERN TECHNOLOGY AND ASKS US, AMONG OTHERS, TO HELP ESTABLISH INTERNATIONAL SOUNDING ROCKET RANGE IN NIGERIA.

1. OPENING OF MORNING SESSION JUNE 23 GRACED BY VISIT OF USSR COSMOUNAUTS P.I. KILIMUK AND V.L. SEVASTYANOV, SECOND CREW TO VISIT SALYUT-R STAYING 63 DAYS IN ORBIT. SEVASTYANOV MADE BRIEF, POLITE STATEMENT COMMENDING OSC

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FOR IMPORTANT WORK AND WISHING IT CONTINUED SUCCESS.

2. TWENTY COUNTRIES PRESENTED STATEMENTS IN GENERAL DEBATE. ALL EE'S CONGRATULATED RUSSIA ON SUCCESSFUL LAUNCH OF SALYUT-5. AUSTRALIA AND NIGERIA CONGRATULATED US ON ACHIEVEMENT OF LOW MARTIAN ORBIT BY VIKING.

3. FEW SURPRISES IN GENERAL STATEMENTS. BELGIUM, FRG, ITALY, JAPAN AND UK MADE STRONG STATEMENTS SUPPORTING CONCEPT OF FREE FLOW IN DBS CONTEXT. AUSTRIA WAS LESS STRONG BUT HELPFUL. SAME DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED CONCEPT OF OPEN DISSEMINATION OF RS DAT, DECLINING SUPPORT FOR ANY RESTRICTIVE REGIME.

4. FRANCE PROMINENT AMONG THE VERY FEW WHO ADDRESSED DEFINITION ISSUE IN SUBSTANCE; URGED NECESSITY OF TREATING THIS ISSUE SOON AND CONCLUSIVELY. EGYPT IMPLIEDLY SUPPORTED BY SUGGESTING THAT OSC SUBJECT PRIORITIES NEED REVIEW AND REORDING.

5. AUSTRALIA TIED IMMINENT MARS LNDING OF VIKING TO NEED TO CONCLUDE MOON TREATY IN ORDER TO RESOLVE STATUS OF CELESTIAL BODIES.

6. NIGERIAN STATEMENT SURPRISED AND DEFLATED COMMITTEE. AS LAST OF 20 SPEAKERS, MCCAULEY (UN MISSION IN NY) BEGAN WITH PUT DOWN OF IMPORTANT AND POWERFUL GOVERNMENTS HERE WHO FAIL TO PUT SUBSTANCE INTO THEIR PRETTY WORDS. LACK OF SUBSTANCE IN REAL INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION LEAVES THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN ALSO-RAN STATUS USING MODERN TECHNOLOGY. COMPLAINED OF MILLIONS OF TONS OF GARBAGE IN SPACE PUT THERE BY VERY FEW WITHOUT CONSULTING THE MANY CONCERNED. PREDICTED THEY WILL BECOME KNOWN AS GARBAGE COUNTRIES. THEN, HAVING APPARENTLY CAREFULLY SET SCENE TO ELICIT MAXIMUM RESPONSE, HE EXPLICITLY ASKED FOR HELP TO ESTABLISH AND INTERNATIONAL SOUNDING ROCKET RANGE IN NIGERIA AND HELP IN TRAINING NIGERIAN NATIONALS TO BETTER USE SPACE TECHNOLOGY TO THEIR BENEFIT NAMING THE US, UK, FRANCE, SWEDEN AND CANADA. NO MENTION OF USSR.

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7. BEGINNING 24 JUNE THE COMMITTEE WILL TAKE UP THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL AND THE LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEES. SHERER UNQUOTE ROBINSON

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